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NOTICE OF MEETING AND AGENDA

November 13, 2017
Indiana Government Center South
Conference Room A
402 West Washington Street
Indianapolis, IN 46204

2:00 p.m. EST
Board Meeting

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Agenda

I. Call to Order/ Board Meeting Minutes Approval

Board Chair Josh Owens called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m. EST. Board members in attendance include Dr. Virginia Calvin, Gretchen Gutman, Jill Robinson Kramer, Janet Rummel, Mark GiaQuinta and Josh Owens. Board Member DeLyn Beard participated electronically via conference phone.

Chair Owens opened the floor to a motion to approve the minutes from the previous board meeting. Dr. Calvin moved to approve the minutes and Ms. Rummel seconded. The minutes were passed unanimously.

II. Introduction of New Board Member – Mark GiaQuinta

Chair Owens opened the floor to welcome new board member Mark GiaQuinta. Mr. GiaQuinta introduced himself and gave a brief background on his professional experience including being a member of the Fort Wayne school board, and a member of the Fort Wayne City Council. He is currently a practicing attorney focused on civil litigation. He expressed his interest in the funding form change, and looks forward to working with the board. Chair Owens welcomed Mr. GiaQuinta to the board.

III. Charter School New Application Consideration and Decision - Vanguard Collegiate Academy Charter School

Executive Director James Betley provided the board with the staff recommendation for the Vanguard Collegiate Academy Charter School charter application. He provided a brief overview of the applicant group. Mr. Betley indicated the staff recommended approval based on the applicant's meeting of ICSB's standards across criteria. Mr. Betley requested the board give authority to approve grade level changes, if needed.

Mr. Betley then allowed for the applicant to present to the board. Robert Marshall, school leader, introduced himself and discussed his background as a BES fellow. Mr. Marshall presented an overview of the proposed school, and answered the board members questions.

Chairman Owens then opened the floor to attendees if they wished to make a comment regarding the Vanguard application. Three members made comments in support of the charter's approval. Andrew Zeller from Purdue Polytech High School, Brian Dinkins Principal of Providence Cristo Rey High School, and Robert Love from Indiana Charter School Network were the three supporting speakers for Vanguard.

Chairman Owens then made a motion to approve the staff recommendation, and allow the Executive Director the ability to approve a grade span change if needed. Board member Rummel seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-1 with Ms. Gutman, Dr. Calvin, Ms. Kramer, Mr. Owens, Ms. Beard and Ms. Rummel voting yes, and Mr. GiaQuinta voting no.

IV. Other Board Business

Phalen Leadership Academy – Request to Amend Charter

Mr. Betley provided an overview of Phalen Leadership Academy's request to amend their charter by adding 9th grade, and delaying two school openings. Mr. Betley indicated the staff

recommended approval. Ms. Gutman and Ms. Kramer asked several questions regarding the additional charters still held by Phalen. Ms. Rummel inquired about the need for the amendment.

Chair Owens opened the floor for a motion to vote on the staff recommendation to modify the grade span and Dr. Calvin seconded. The recommendation was declined 1-6 with Chair Owens, Ms. Beard, Ms. Gutman, Ms. Rummel, Ms. Kramer and Mr. GiaQuinta voting no, and Dr. Calvin voting yes. The board tabled the amendment request to delay school openings until the next board meeting.

ACE Preparatory Academy - Request to Amend Charter

Mr. Betley provided an overview of ACE Preparatory Academy's request to amend the enrollment capacity of the charter for the school year, and indicated the staff recommended approval. Mr. GiaQuinta asked several questions regarding the amendment and current student population and enrollment. ACE Preparatory Academy school leader Anna Shults provided responses to the questions.

Mr. GiaQuinta and Dr. Calvin made comments regarding the amendment. Ms. Gutman expressed to Mr. Betley to reach out to other authorizers to create policies. Chair Owens opened the floor for a motion to table the vote on the amendment request until the next board meeting, and Dr. Calvin seconded. The motion passed 6-1 with Chair Owens, Ms. Beard, Dr. Calvin, Ms. Gutman, Ms. Kramer, and Mr. GiaQuinta voting yes, and Ms. Rummel voting no.

Higher Institute of Arts and Technology - Request to Amend Charter

Mr. Betley provided an overview of Higher Institute of Arts and Technology's request to amend their charter by adding a preschool program, and modifying their grade span. Mr. Betley indicated the staff recommended approval. Ms. Gutman and Dr. Calvin asked several questions regarding the amendment and current preschool programs.

Chair Owens opened the floor for a motion to vote on the staff recommendation to modify the grade span and Ms. Rummel seconded. The recommendation was approved 7-0 with Chair Owens, Ms. Beard, Ms. Gutman, Ms. Rummel, Ms. Kramer and Mr. GiaQuinta and Dr. Calvin voting yes. The board tabled the amendment request to add a preschool program until the next board meeting.

The Mind Program - Charter Revocation

Mr. Betley provided an overview of The Mind Program's request to revoke charter and indicated the staff recommended approval.

Chair Owens opened the floor for a motion to vote on the staff recommendation to revoke the charter and Mr. GiaQuinta seconded. The staff recommendation passed 7-0.

Mr. GiaQuintas exited the meeting at 4:32 pm EST.

V. Staff Updates Revised Policies and Procedures

Mr. Betley provided a brief overview of the revised policies and procedures from the ICSB staff. The board had questions about best practice policies and member Gutman had questions about collaborating with Ball State and the Mayor's office. The board chose to table discussion until the next board meeting.

ICSB Schools Update

The board did not discuss ICSB school updates. It is tabled until the next board meeting.

Board Meeting Calendar Dates

The board did not discuss board meeting calendar dates. It is tabled until the next board meeting.

Budget; Administrative Fees

Mr. Betley provided an overview of the ICSB's budget and proposal of reducing ICSB's administrative fees from 1% to 0.05%. The board asked questions regarding line items on the budget, and staffing expansion. Chair Owens remarked that the decrease would be passed onto the schools and services they need. Mr. Betley stated that communication with schools is pertinent since the administrative fees could be increased in the future.

Chair Owens moved to accept the proposed budget and the reduction of the administration fee for schools. Dr. Calvin seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

Ms. Beard left the meeting via conference call at 5:00 pm EST.

VI. Closing Remarks

The board discussed the details of the next board meeting, and the board training prior to the public meeting. Chair Owens thanked the board for their questions and comments, and the staff for their work.

VII. Adjourn

Chair Owens moved to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 5:21 p.m. EST